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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. May 1, 2017** - For the week ending April 30, 2017, temperatures averaged nine to twelve degrees below normal across most of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The colder temperatures, along with rain and snow during the middle of the week, halted most fieldwork. The largest amount of precipitation was received in the eastern half of the State, with four to five inches of snow reported in many areas. Fieldwork started again at the end of the week, as warmer temperatures arrived and dried out soils. There were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 72 adequate, and 21 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 short, 75 adequate, and 17 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn planted was 3 percent, behind 15 both last year and the five-year average.

Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 69 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 8 percent, behind 17 last year.

Spring wheat planted was 18 percent, behind 37 last year and 33 average. Emerged was 2 percent, behind 9 both last year and average.

Barley planted was 13 percent, well behind 34 last year, and behind 28 average. Emerged was 1 percent, behind 9 last year and 6 average.

Oats planted was 21 percent, behind 37 last year and 29 average.

Sugarbeets planted was 31 percent, well behind 71 last year and 51 average.

Durum wheat planted was 13 percent, near 10 last year and 15 average.

Canola planted was 3 percent, behind 10 both last year and average.

Flaxseed planted was 6 percent, near 8 both last year and average.

Dry edible peas planted was 23 percent, behind 30 last year, and near 24 average. Emerged was 1 percent.

Potatoes planted was 2 percent, behind 8 last year and 11 average.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 74 good, and 8 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 65 average, and 32 light. Calving progress was 79 percent.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 70 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 4 percent heavy, 62 average, and 34 light. Lambing progress was 88 percent. Sheep shorn was 81 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 6 percent very short, 22 short, 70 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 86 adequate, and 9 surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.*

*Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:*

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-05-01-2017.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>

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